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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

STEVEN DANIEL ORR,

 Petitioner,

 v.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, et al.,

 Respondents.

Case No. 2:17-cv-02908-RFB-GWF

ORDER

 In this habeas corpus action under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, petitioner has submitted an application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 1). The court finds that petitioner is unable to pay the filing fee.

 Petitioner has filed a motion for leave to amend (ECF No. 4). The court grants the motion.

 The court has reviewed the amended petition under Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts. The court will serve the amended petition upon respondents for a response.

 IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that the application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**. Petitioner need not pay the filing fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that the motion for leave to amend (ECF No. 4) is **GRANTED**. The clerk of the court shall file the amended petition.

 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that the clerk shall add Adam Paul Laxalt, Attorney General

1 for the State of Nevada, as counsel for respondents.

2 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that the clerk shall electronically serve upon respondents a
3 copy of the amended petition and this order. In addition, the clerk shall return to petitioner a copy
4 of the amended petition.

5 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that respondents shall have forty-five (45) days from the date
6 on which the amended petition was served to answer or otherwise respond to the amended petition.
7 Respondents shall raise all potential affirmative defenses in the initial responsive pleading,
8 including untimeliness, lack of exhaustion, and procedural default. Successive motions to dismiss
9 will not be entertained. If respondents file and serve an answer, then they shall comply with Rule
10 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, and then
11 petitioner shall have forty-five (45) days from the date on which the answer is served to file a reply.
12 If respondents file a motion, then petitioner will have fourteen (14) days to file a response to the
13 motion, and respondents will have seven (7) days from the date of filing of the response to file a
14 reply.

15 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that, notwithstanding Local Rule LR IC 2-2(g) paper copies
16 of any electronically filed exhibits need not be provided to chambers or to the staff attorney, unless
17 later directed by the Court.

18 DATED: July 5, 2018.



RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II
United States District Judge